

MESSENGER April 3, 2020

Lenten Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

That greeting might cause at least one or two of you to say to yourselves, 'Oh, yeah, it is still Lent, isn't it!' With all of the strange changes we are experiencing in our lives, it would be very understandable if we forgot that we are still in the season of Lent (for one more week). I suspect that, if we were to grade ourselves, more than a few of us would say we have flunked Lent this year! Whether or not that is your situation, I think you will find encouragement in our online worship service this Sunday.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week of the year for Christians. We will again be offering an online worship service where we will pray, sing traditional Palm Sunday hymns, and I will preach a message about flunking Lent and finding freedom. As in previous weeks, the service will be posted on our website and will be included in an email I will send to you before Sunday morning. We will also provide a bulletin with the greeting, prayers and words to the hymns that you may wish to use to follow along with the service as you watch it online.

Beginning on Monday, I will be sending a Scripture passage and a prayer for each day of Holy Week. The Scripture readings will all be from the "Suffering Servant" passage in the book of Isaiah, and they will be the same verses that are on our Scripture card readings for the week. The Scripture card will be provided in the Monday Messenger.

I want to re-emphasize how important it is that we all stay connected to each other during this time of forced physical separation and social distancing. It is especially important that we reach out to express our love and concern for one another. I am exceedingly grateful for the technology that allows us to communicate and to remain connected. If you know of anyone who for some reason is not receiving our emails or cannot access our website, please let me or Judy know. We want to do everything we can to make sure no one is excluded from these essential means of communication while we are physically apart.

Finally, remember to pray for our church, our nation, and our world. Pray that God will bring an end to this terrible pandemic. Pray for all in our church family who are suffering in any way. And pray that we might all grow in our trust and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who came that we may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David



A Special
THANK YOU



Our Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for being the church!

The love and prayers that have enveloped our family have been humbling and so deeply appreciated!

Momma was so very loved and y'all have been one of the bright spots in her life. She loved her church! Every part of it! She wanted to make sure that y'all knew how much she loved and appreciated

each of you! One of the last messages that she conveyed before becoming unresponsive was her love of her Faith Harbor family! She cherished your cards, visits and messages of love.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sam and Lois



.....to **Brittany and Edmund Audet; and little brother Leo.**

On Tuesday they welcomed a baby girl into their family.

Congratulations also to the **grandparents Sean and Wendy Mooney.**

Peace and Blessings to these families.

I praise my Almighty God for the wonderful news I have to share with you. Yesterday I received a call from my Doctor who has moved my procedure from the 13th to the 9th of this month. Also yesterday Ray was mowing the backyard and I was back there with him so of course that meant I would start sneezing that night. And laughing, coughing and sneezing causes a very sharp pain in my right side, but because of the healing power of our Almighty God, that pain was not there when I started sneezing. That means within less than a week I will be pain-free.

Hallelujah!! we serve a Healing, Mighty, Powerful, Loving and Gracious Lord.

Love you all,

Your Sister in Christ,

Jessica Blackburn

Let us draw
near to God with
a sincere heart in
full assurance
of faith...



PRAYER CONCERNS Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Clayann Binning, Jessica Blackburn, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Lois and Sam Snyder, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, Stephanie Hardin, Janet Hughes, Gail Kaufmann, Janice Long, Neal McHenry and family of Jackolyn, Martha Marlow, **Doug and Sherry Mewborn**, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Judy Pratt, Nathan Redd, Duke Smith, Nancy Smith, and Kelly Wills.

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: Willie Ray Arnett, Paul Arnett, Al Avant, Jesse Bailey, Rudolph Batts, George Brodgen, Johnnie Byrd Family, Candie, Kathy Carlston, **Carter**, Kathy Clapp, Jack Cooper, Family of Wanda Davis, **Debbie and her sister**, Tobey Ferry, , Kevin Fisher and family. Jan Foster, Pastor Gary

Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, **Marlene Grove**, Gene Harris, **Tom and LeAnne Holgan**, Roy Horne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, Dr. Jack Kim, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Bill Kirpatrick, **Lea**, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Douglas Mathis, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Sarah Moyer, **Nathan**, Sherri Nelson, **Friends of Maikie O'Day**, Becky and Phil Osborne, Jeb Paarfus, Dot Phillips, Jimmy Platts, Penny Roberts, Rosie, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Billy Sewell, Lori Shelton, Jonathan Sloan, the family of Joanne Smith, **Katrina Seferyn**, Maria Sutton, Sue Sutton, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, Jennifer Tower, Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell. **Any family member of our members or friends that are in a hot spot for this pandemic.**



SOME APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Leo Giovanni Audet
Megan Barnes
Ellis Hiatt
- 4 Ed Drudge
- 6 Sean Mooney
- 7 Doris Davis
- 9 Amy Phillips
Rachel Shade
- 10 Connie Carroll
- 11 Hailey Grace Frye
- 12 Nancy Smith
- 13 Dave Strohpaul

More to be given in the Monday Messenger

- **From Sandy Sly:** [THE NEW BEGININGS GROUP](#) that met in early March for the first time has been suspended until further notice when our practice of social distancing is no longer in place. Continue to stay connected during this time and know that any in this new group can contact Sandy or anyone in the group for support during this difficult time of staying at home and being out of physical contact with family members.
- **A good source of encouragement** during this pandemic is [guidepost.org](#) It is a bright online space where people can connect with Guidepost and with each other through the power of story telling, prayer and community. Guidepost helps people nurture their faith by assuring them that God is at work in everyday life. Check it out, it has a lot to offer daily.
- **God continually says to me “I’m right here.” (from the Upper Room Devotional).**
- **May Our Lives Tell Your Story and Our Light Reflect Your Glory. (Quote from an old bulletin)**
- **If you have a quote or story to share that can help others at this time of isolation send it to secretary@faithharborumc.org and it will go in a Messenger to help others.**

A Trip Down Memory Lane –

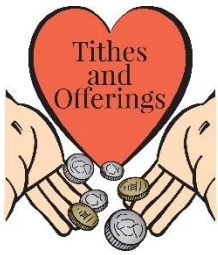
As I was deleting some documents in my computer I just happened to see some information I want to share.

- On May 18,2014 Faith Harbor dedicated the Audio System for the Sanctuary.
- On June 26, 2014 there was a service of thanksgiving and dedication for the land purchased next to our existing property for future development for the church.

It seems like only a year or so since all this happened in the life of Faith Harbor UMC.

- The First Mission Statement for Faith Harbor:
**The good news of Jesus Christ empowers us to create a place
for your heart to be touched, your family to grow,
and your world to be changed**
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Scripture Card April 5, 2020 will be in the Monday Messenger



MESSAGE FROM DALE OSBORN, CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE TEAM AND SETH SWAIN, FINANCIAL SECRETARY regarding **Online Giving**

With us not having services on Sundays for a while there is a quick and easy way to keep up with your Tithing from home. Online Giving is now available directly from Faith Harbor's Web site.

Please visit [https:// faithharborumc.org](https://faithharborumc.org) and click the **ONLINE GIVING** tab at top of front page. From here a new window will pop up and you will be able to enter your contribution and payment method directly.

This is a quick and easy process for keeping up with your Tithing from home. Thanks to Seth Swain and Glen Pierce for setting it up. If you have any questions please contact Seth or Dale Osborn for help.

Weekly Offering can also be mailed to Faith Harbor UMC at P.O. Box 2713, Surf City, NC 28445. Deposits are being made weekly to keep money in the general fund so we can continue to pay the expenses for the church.

Thank you for your continued support of Faith Harbor through your tithes and offerings.

Treasurer's Report March 24, 2020

Some of this information is a duplicate since it is posted in the 2nd Monday of the Month Messenger. Checking account balance is an estimate, even though I have tried to anticipate checks that have not yet cleared the bank.

January contributions \$30,548.00

February contributions \$30,153.34

Weekly budget requirements are \$8306.42, so that leaves a deficit of \$5750.34 for January and February.

Unfortunately we only had two Sundays for March with actual attendance at church. Since then checks have been coming in the mail and directly from banks and we are making a weekly deposit.

March contributions so far \$ 21,781.56

We are obviously faced with a larger deficit for March. There will be one more deposit this month. I have approximated a budget including salaries, insurance, utilities, and other must pay bills and came up with about \$6800.00 that is absolutely necessary to maintain the building, pay staff, etc. Keep in mind this is a rough estimate as long as our programs and ministries are suspended.

The approximate checking account balance is \$38,600. The Money Market account balance is \$99,393.82. Our designated or restricted account balances total approximately \$82,805. The largest portion of that is \$39,000 in the capital reserve. The children and youth have funds that are on hold for designated missions that may not occur and might be refunded to the parents. There is \$21,500 for a new van. When these items are taken into account, our cash flow does not look as good as it should. Fortunately God is in control. Faith Harbor has had financial issues in the past and we have survived and even thrived.